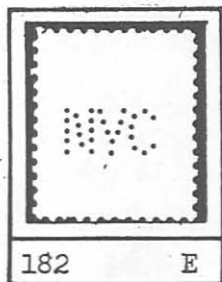


New York Central System or Lines N182

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Perfin pattern N182 is illustrated to the left. In *The Catalog of United States Perfins* the user is listed as "New York Central System (RR) - New York City." The name and stated location match. *Railroad Perfins of the Railroads of the United States and Canada* lists

this as:

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

General Offices - New York, NY

The period of usage is given as 1908 to 1960 and it is listed as Railroad perfin number 118 (RR118). The pattern is easy to recognize on cover because it is five holes high (pattern N184 is six holes high) and it does not have the extra hole of pattern N183. While there is no direct entry under this entry a cryptic parenthetical entry under pattern N184 notes that the New York Central System is now part of the Penn-Central.

The illustration at the top of page 135 provides an example of covers that place catalog editor's on the horns of a dilemma. The corner card states "New York Central Lines: The Michigan Central Railroad." Spencerian script under the printed corner card spells out the location as "Vanderbilt, Mich."



The location is verified by the CDS of November 3, 1933, Vanderbilt, Mich. According to *Railroad Perfans* the general offices of the Michigan Central Railroad Company were located in New York, NY and Chicago, IL in 1933.